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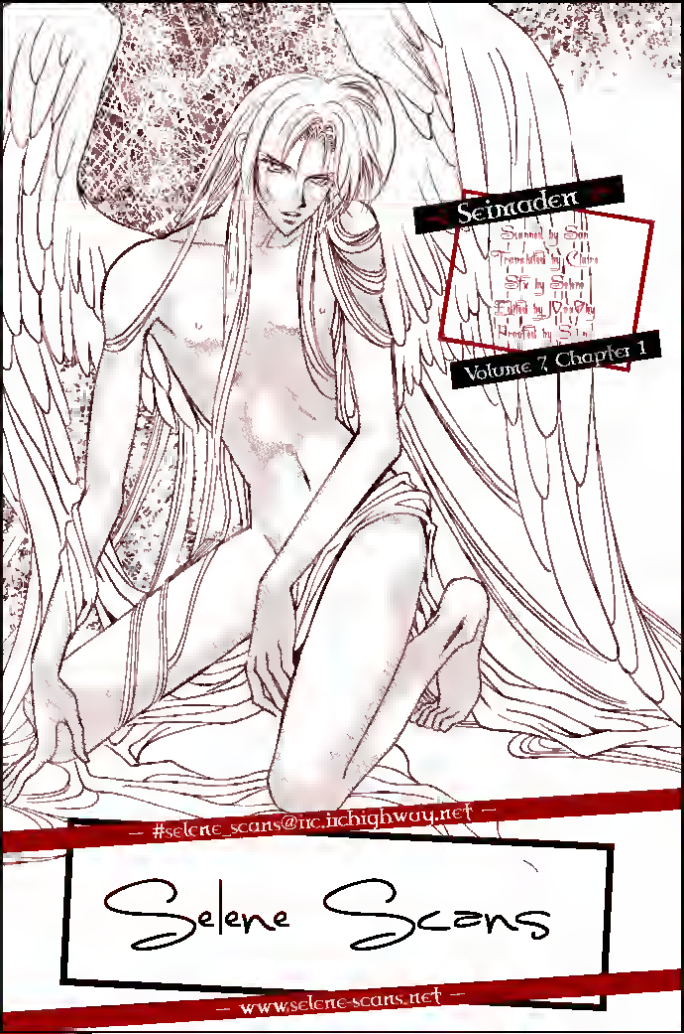
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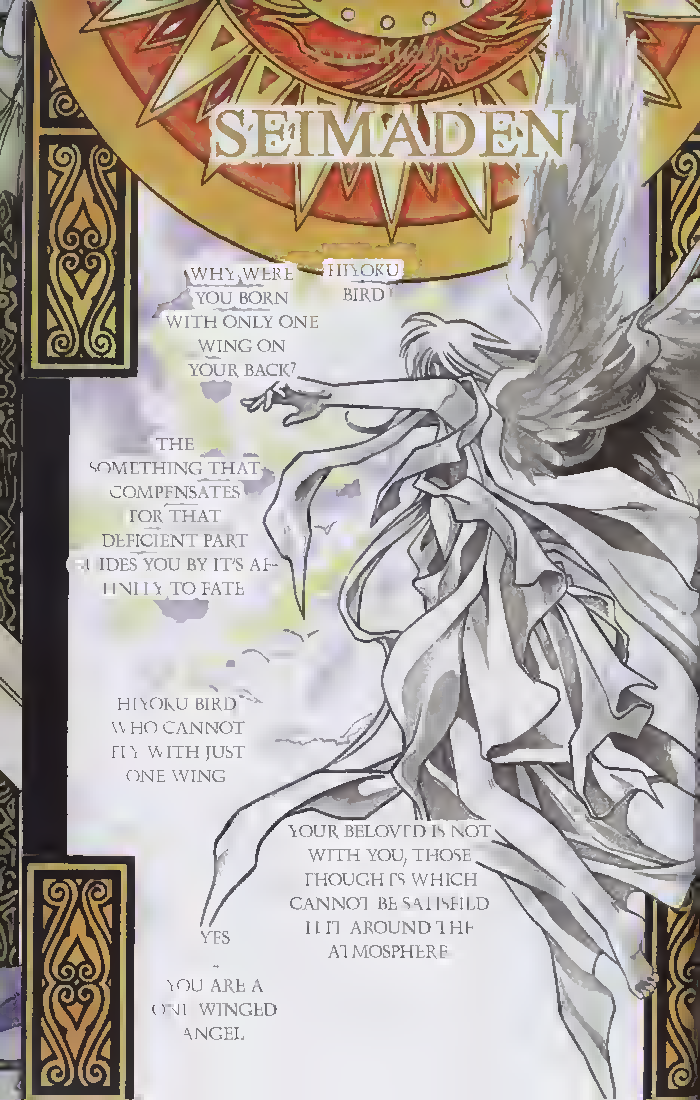
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WHY WERE YOU BORN WITH ONLY ONE WING ON YOUR BACK?
HIYOKU BIRD
THE SOMETHING THAT COMPENSATES FOR THAT DEFICIENT PART GUIDES YOU BY IT'S AFFINITY TO FATE
HIYOKU BIRD WHO CANNOT FLY WITH JUST ONE WING
YOUR BELOVED IS NOT WITH YOU, THOSE THOUGHTS WHICH CANNOT BE SATISFIED FLIT AROUND THE ATMOSPHERE
YES
YOU ARE A ONE WINGED ANGEL

YOU HIGURI

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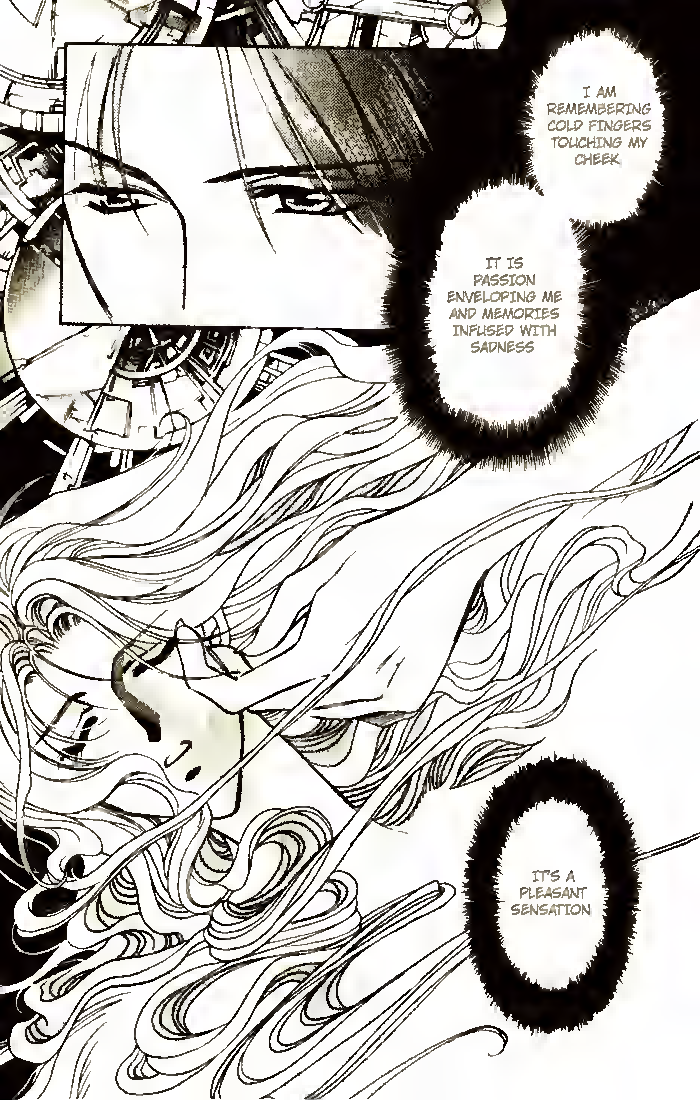
A SAGA OF ANGELS AND DEMONS


I AM REMEMBERING COLD FINGERS TOUCHING MY CHEEK
IT IS PASSION ENVELOPING ME AND MEMORIES INFUSED WITH SADNESS
IT'S A PLEASANT SENSATION

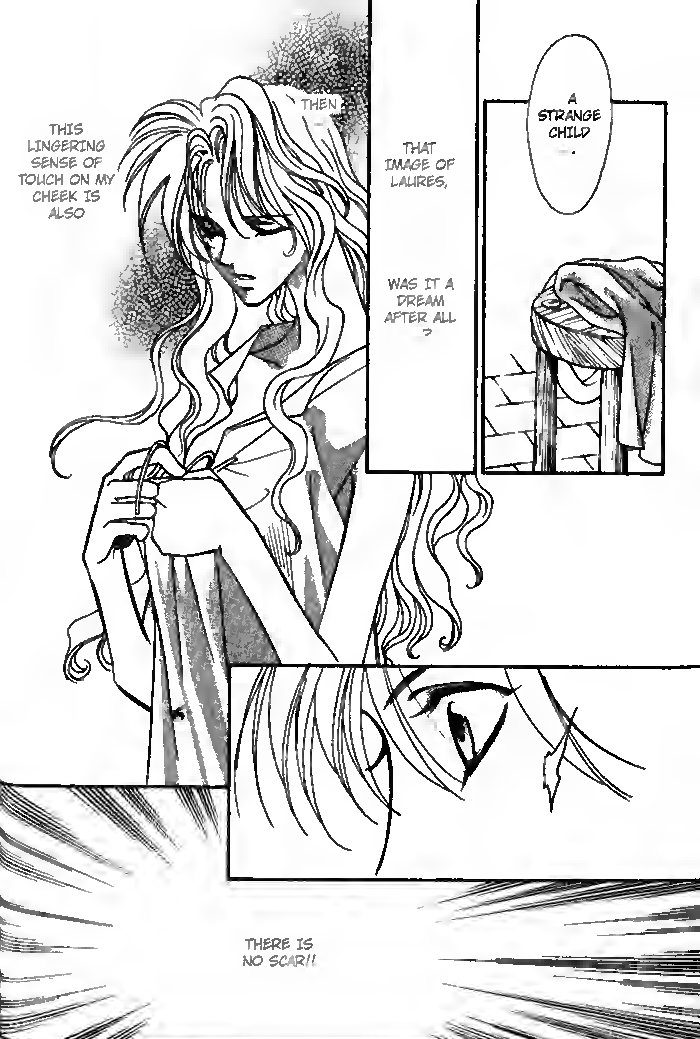
THESE SAD EYES
THESE KIND ARMS
LAURES — IS IT YOU?
IT WAS ALWAYS NEARBY ME, PROTECTING ME.
I KNOW THIS HAND

REVIVE DEMON KING!
REVIVE DEMON KING!
WE ARE HERE TO GLORIFY THE DEMON EMPEROR LAURES!

OH
ZOOOOOO!
WHERE IS THIS?
YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE

GREETINGS, HILDA
I WONDER IF I SHOULD INTRODUCE MYSELF, SINCE YOU'VE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS TILL NOW.
MY NAME IS KAROLIN
CREAK
I'VE HEARD YOUR NAME BEFORE.
THEY SAID THAT THERE WAS AN INTERESTING CHILD CALLING HIMSELF ROD'S SYMPAHTIZER.
THE CHURCH BEING ATTACKED BY DEMONS WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED
SINCE YOU WERE WOUNDED YOU LOST CONSCIOUSNESS SO WE TOOK REFUGE HERE
ROD WAS AWAY FIGHTING, SO I HAD TO TREAT YOU.
I HAVE SOME MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE, YOU SEE!
THAT'S RIGHT, THE PAIN — IS GONE.
THANK YOU KAROLIN.

SORRY FOR LEAVING SO SOON, BUT I WANT TO GO AND JOIN ROD AND THE OTHERS.
I'LL GO AND BRING YOU A CHANGE OF CLOTHES
They aren't much though
SOON THIS PLACE WILL BECOME DANGEROUS TOO, THE DEMONS HAVE COME IN GREATER NUMBERS,
... SO EVERYONE IS WORRYING
THE WOUND ON YOUR CHEST ...
IT DOESN'T HURT ANY-MORE, RIGHT?
PLANG

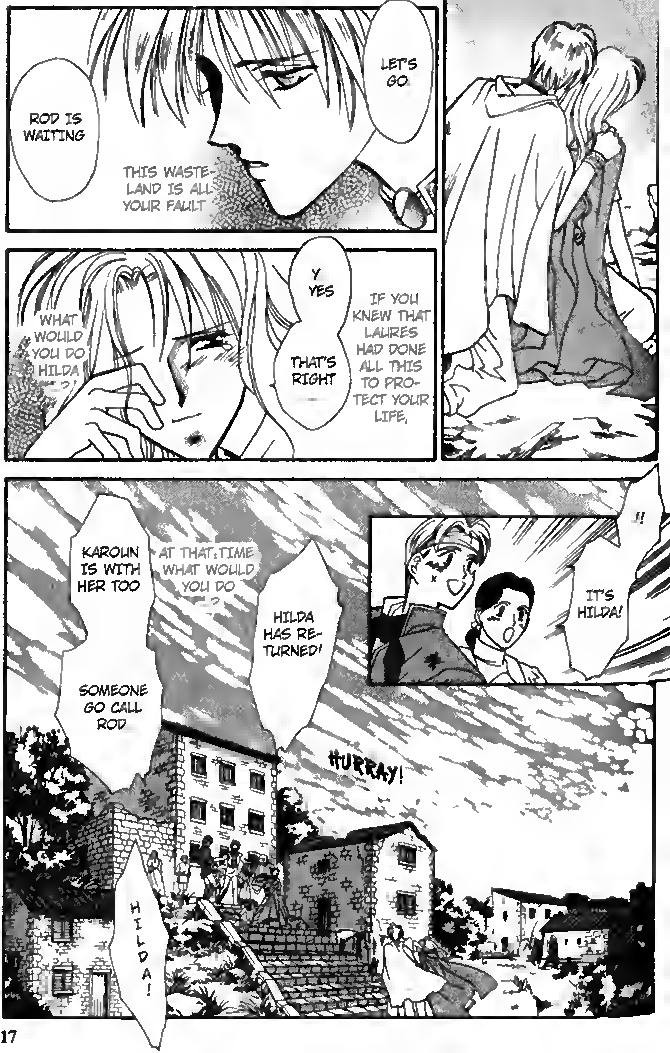

A STRANGE CHILD...
THAT IMAGE OF LAURES,
WAS IT A DREAM AFTER ALL?
THEN...
THIS LINGERING SENSE OF TOUCH ON MY CHEEK IS ALSO
THERE IS NO SCAR!!

FLOAT
HOW CAN THIS BE...?
THE FLOWER OF LIFE BLOSSOMS OR SCATTERS AT MY WILL
IT WAS EASY ENOUGH TO HEAL YOUR WOUND, EASY ENOUGH FOR KAROLIN, THE LEADER OF HADES.

YOUR FLOWER IS IN MY HANDS.
IN OTHER WORDS, I HOLD YOUR LIFE IN MY HANDS, HILDA
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT, WHAT SACRIFICES LAURES WOULD MAKE FOR THAT REASON
I HAVE TO WIN THIS GAME,
BECAUSE THAT IS THE FATE GIVEN TO ME
HEH
...!

IT'S TERRIBLE
IS THIS IS ALL LAURES' WORK ?

THAT MAN...
HAS CHANGED INTO A DREADFUL DEMON.
AND THEN...
THIS IS LAURES' REAL NATURE
—
HIS REAL NATURE AS A DEMON!


LET'S GO.
ROD IS WAITING
THIS WASTE-LAND IS ALL YOUR FAULT
IF YOU KNEW THAT LAURES HAD DONE ALL THIS TO PROTECT YOUR LIFE,
Y YES
THAT'S RIGHT
WHAT WOULD YOU DO HILDA ?!
!!
IT'S HILDA!
HILDA HAS RETURNED!
AT THAT TIME WHAT WOULD YOU DO ?
KAROLIN IS WITH HER TOO
SOMEONE GO CALL ROD
HURRAY!
HILDA!

AT THE DEMON WORLD HADES PALACE
IT'S SOME STORM, ISN'T IT CAPTAIN GERUMU
I CAN'T SEE CLEARLY IN FRONT OF ME.
SSIU
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS HERE.
DIRECTLY BELOW US IS THE LABYRINTH, SO CLING ON TIGHTLY TO YOUR DRAGON AS WE LAND.

IF YOU FALL, THE PROBABILITY OF BEING ABLE TO REACH THE END OF THE LABYRINTH IS PRACTICALLY NIL.
THIS PALACE OF HADES IS A PLACE THAT TRAPS PEOPLE IN.
I CAN'T THINK THAT,
HE WOULD OBEDIENTLY LET HIMSELF GET SECLUDED AWAY, BUT ...
I'VE HEARD RUMOURS,
BUT
THIS IS SOMEHOW A STRANGE PLACE
FOLLOW ME.

SWUSH
I AM CAPTAIN GERUMU OF THE DEMON DRAGON-RIDING SQUAD
I WISH TO SEE LAURES-SAMA
YOU CANNOT PASS THROUGH TO THE PALACE OF HADES, WITHOUT THE RULER OF HADES' PERMISSION.
THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!
ARE NOT TO LET ANYONE THROUGH. NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE.
CAPTAIN GERUMU IS FAMOUS AS LAURES'S TRUSTED LIEUTENANT, SO THAT IS ...!
STOP IT, RATOKU!

LET THEM THROUGH, KOROSU-BETA.
IRIA-SAMA, BUT
IT'S OKAY LAURES IS THE DEMON EMPEROR ISN'T HE? IN OTHER WORDS, THE GREATEST PERSON
NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE PEOPLE HE KNOWS WOULD BE STRANGE!
I WILL SPEAK TO MY BROTHER.
FOLLOW ME, I'LL GUIDE YOU.
HOLD
THIS IS FINE ISN'T IT BETA?
BUT I WILL KEEP YOUR WEAPONS IN CUSTODY.

GEEZ, THOSE GUYS ARE TENSE!
AND LAURES IS ALSO VERY QUIET.
SHE'S SIT... OLDER BROTHER WHICH MEANS
IT'S LIKE HIS HEART ISN'T HERE
IT'S USUAL FOR HIM TO SHOW A PEACE-FUL FACE BUT SOMEHOW DISTANT.
THIS GIRL IS KAROLN'S LITTLE SISTER?
I ..
HEHE
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD IF HE'S CHEERED UP A LITTLE
I'VE HEARD THAT KAROLN IS A SEVERE RULER
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HIS SISTER IS JUST THE OPPOSITE
SOMEHOW, SHE STILL SEEMS KINDA CUTE
HMPFFF
YEAH BUT MY BROTHER IS GONNA GET MAD AT ME
GROAN

WE WILL CERTAINLY HASTEN TO JOIN YOU IN THIS SERIOUS AFFAIR
PLEASE DON'T FORGET THAT, AS USUAL.
WE ARE WAITING FOR YOUR COMMAND
THANK YOU IRIA.
COME, AGAIN.
GRINS
I'LL SPEAK TO THE KOROSU.
WHAT .. YOU'RE GOING TO RETURN ALREADY?
YEAH.
OH YEAH, YOU SAVED US BEFORE.

I WONDER IF GERUMU KNOWS...
TAKE CARE!
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
GERU-MU...
IF, I BORROWED HIS POWER I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SET LAURES FREE.
THAT LAURES IS BEING HELD HERE BECAUSE HE'S PROTECTING HILDA'S FLOWER OF LIFE.
PLING
LAU-RES.
IS IT OKAY IF I COME IN?

PRETTY

LAURES YOU CAN REALLY PLAY THIS.
Fantastic!
PLING
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO PLAY FOR YOU?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE NOT COMING IN?
AH... YEAH.
HA-HA
I THOUGHT I MIGHT BE IN THE WAY.
BUT... IT HAS SUCH A SAD RESONANCE.
IT SEEMS
THAT THE DEMON SHOGUN HAS SIDED WITH THE AZEL.
PLING

AHA.
I SEE.
ZARDI LIVED AFTER ALL?
BUT WHY HAS A MAN WHO HAD SO MUCH DEMON PRIDE,
DECIDED TO JOIN THE HUMAN'S SIDE?
WE'LL NEVER KNOW.
IF WE DON'T TRY TO FIND OUT A LITTLE MORE

HA HA
YOU'RE A CONSCI-ENTIOUS MAN GERUMU
FIRST TETIYUS, NOW YOU
GEEZ
EVEN IF I TOOK YOUR ADVICE, IT WOULD BE NO GOOD
AFTER ALL, I AM A PUPPET KING
I CANNOT UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE THINKING EITHER!
WHY IS SOMEONE LIKE YOU SUBMIT-TING YOURSELF TO THIS HUMILIATION?
AREN'T YOU SOMEONE WHO LOVES FREEDOM MORE THAN ANY-THING ELSE?
HE HE

EVEN IF IT TAKES AWAY YOUR FREEDOM
THERE IS SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO PROTECT,
WHY IS HE LAUGHING?
SHOCKED
What is this reaction?
THAT IS YOUR ONLY WEAK POINT
HUH?
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE

I'M
MAKING THE BEST OF THESE CIRCUM-STANCES
IN MY OWN WAY
OOOOH, SOMEHOW THAT MISFOR-TUNATE THING IS COMING CLOSER
SOMETHING DREADFUL
WWWWW

EVEN IF THAT SOMEONE IS AN ENEMY DEMON
BI
WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO USE HIM FOR HIS ABILITIES

THEY CAME AT LAST
I'VE BEEN WAITING
KABAM
AHH
WHAT HAPPENED?
THOSE OLD MAGICIANS ARE DISTURBED
HOW WOULD I KNOW?
VROUMMM
...NEVER THOUGH ROD'S POWER IS STRONG
FOR DEFEATING LAURES' POWER, WE NEED SOMEONE WHO HAS POWER WHICH HAS SURPASSED HIS
SINCE HE'S LEADING THE WEAK HUMANS, ONE PERSON'S POWER ISN'T ENOUGH

KABANG

IT TOOK A BIT OF TIME FOR MY WOUNDS TO HEAL.
BUT, AS PROMISED I HAVE COME,
MASTER ...

WOOM
PUMPS
PUMPS

LOOK WELL YOU PATHETIC IDIOTS! THIS IS THE POWER OF THE DEMON WORLD SHOGUN!
AHHHH
BAH
YOU'RE A DIFFICULT GUY
I ..
WANT TO SEE PROOFS
THAT YOU HAVE BECOME OUR ALLY
BOOM

IS THAT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU.
MR. AZEL'S CHAMPION?
...
IT'S FINE.
STRANGE ..
THAT'S NOT LIKE ROD'S USUAL DEMEANOUR.
COULD IT BE ...!

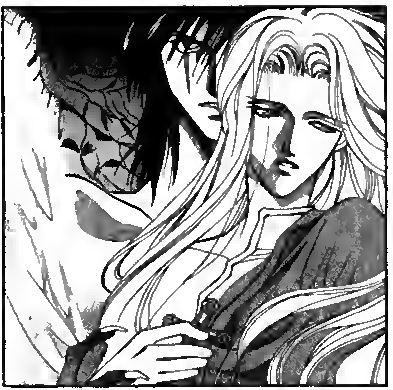
GRRR
GO
TRAI-
TOR!
TRAI-
TOR!
HELPING
HUMANS
A VILE
COWARD TO
BETRAY HIS
PARTNERS
YOU'VE
THROWN
AWAY YOUR
PRIDE AS A
DEMON!
THE DEMON
WORLD
SHOGUN
DIE!
DIE!
SHUT
UP!
SQUISH

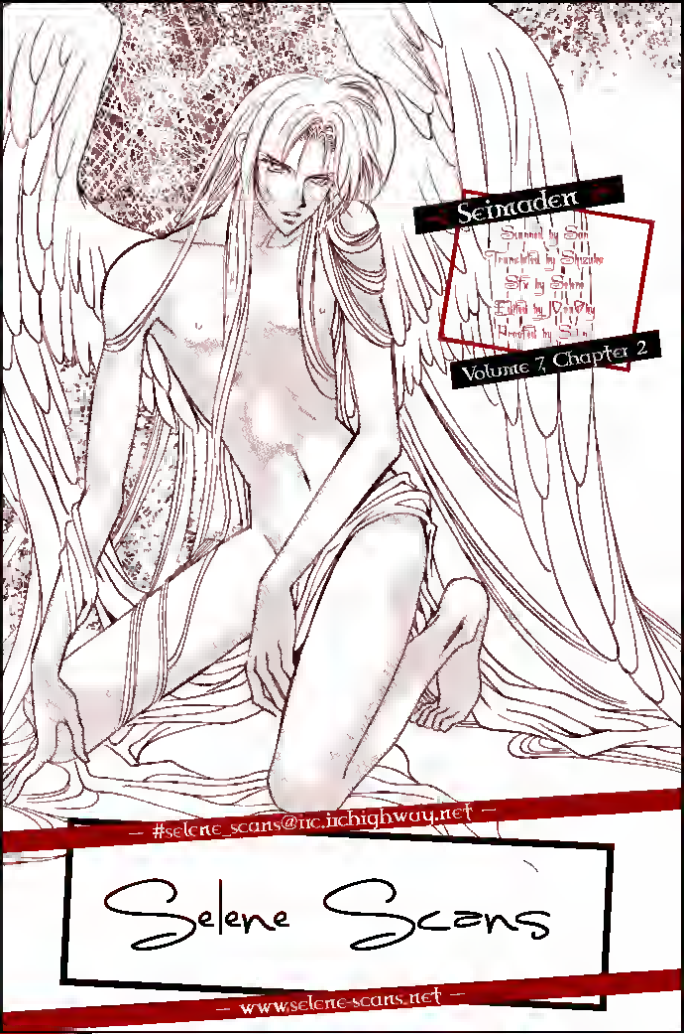
IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT, JUST TRY AND KILL ME!
SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT, JUST STOP GRUMBLING.
!
IF YOU CAN'T DO IT,
THEN KEEP QUIET AND WATCH.

THE MONTHS SPENT WANDERING AROUND WHILE GRADUALLY BEING WEAKENED BY THE ISOLATION OF THE DIMENSION
EVEN THE SHAME OF BEING LIBERATED BY SUCKING UP TO THE HUMANS
I WON'T DIE!
KRSS
"THAT ONE GUY I WILL KILL."
WITH THAT ONE THOUGHT,
I ROSE ABOVE IT ALL...
LAURES!
YOU GAVE YOUR LIFE TO PROTECT,

SAVE ME FROM THIS PURGATORY
ANGEL OF ICE EYES, DISCARDED HERE IN THIS CARNAGE

HE
..
HEH
HEH
..
HEY, TETI, I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THIS SORTA THING, BUT,
WHEN I'M THINKING ABOUT THIS GUY
...
MY FEEL-INGS TREMBLE VIOLENTLY.
I WONDER IF THIS FEELING IS LIKE LIKE THE EMOTION CALLED "LOVE"
...
BELOVED
...
BELOVED, A FEELING LIKE IT'S GONNA RIP RIGHT OUT OF YOUR GUTS
....
AN
...
ULTI-MATE LOVE
...

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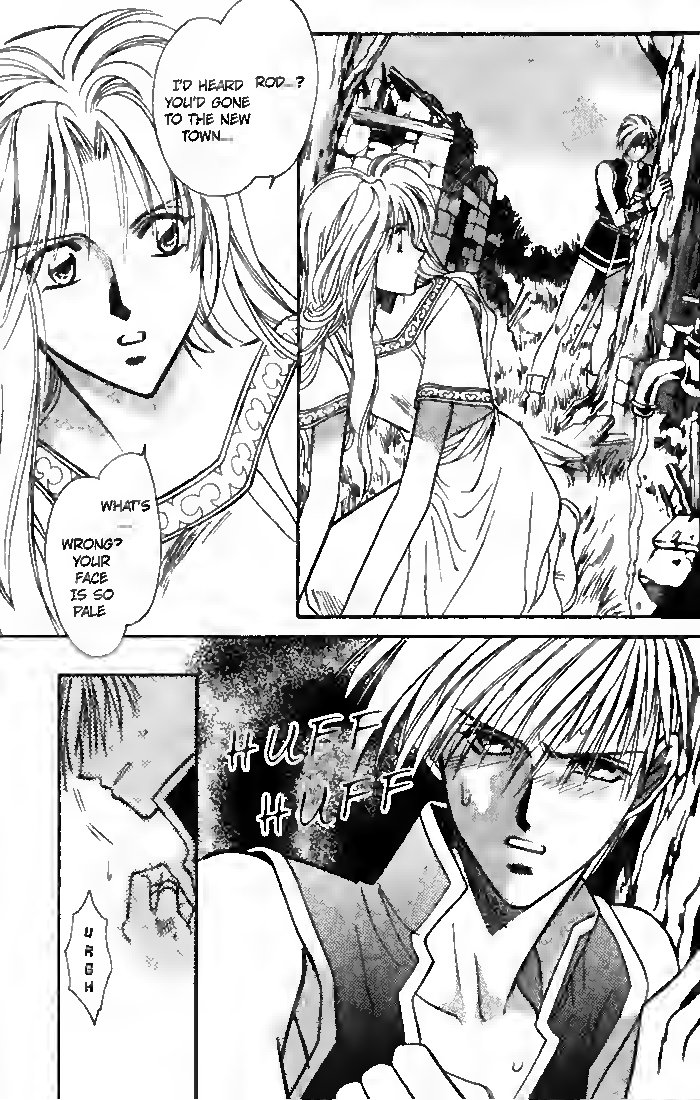
U.
UWAAH
SHHH
IT'LL BE OKAY YOU'RE A GOOD CHILD SO DON'T CRY
AZEL-SAMA WILL SURELY PROTECT US
SURELY. HE IS LOOKING AFTER US.
IT'LL BE OKAY ...
PEOPLE'S CLINGING-LIKE EYES AND THOUGHTS

IT'S BEING RUMORED THAT WE'RE JOINING RANKS WITH A DEMON OUR ENEMY!
HE'S PROTECTING US AND ALL AS SOME BIG RIGHTEOUS CAUSE, WHEN THE TRUTH IS THAT HE PROBABLY ONLY WANTS TO BECOME A 'LORD OF THE MANOR'
ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY AND ALL THAT
IT ISN'T SOMETHING ORDINARY HUMANS CAN QUICKLY ACCEPT
HEH
BUT I WONDER HOW
I GUESS THERE ARE JEALOUS TYPES LIKE THIS GUY, HE FOR SURE
BAM!

RETURN THE BUCKET.
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT I NOW HAVE TO GO FETCH WATER ALL OVER AGAIN
?!
OW!
WHAT WAS THAT FOR YOU BITCH ...!
IF YOU DON'T TRUST ROD, THAT'S FINE
BUT
IF YOU DON'T, THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE?
EH?
PAH

NICELY DONE.
IT ISN'T THE TIME FOR TEAM-MATES TO BE DIVIDED
BLUSH
BUT I KNOW WHAT I DID ISN'T HELPING ANY...
Is it that hard to figure out?
By the way, who are you?
HILDA,
YOUR STRENGTH IS A GREAT HELP TO ROD.
BECAUSE HE'S THE TYPE OF GUY WHO'S APT BE BE LIKE GLASS READY TO BREAK.
WOULD YOU HELP SUPPORT HIM?

YES!
THANK YOU ASUBARU!
I WANT TO BELIEVE IT. MAKE ME BELIEVE IT.
IT CAN BE CHANGED, FREELY WITH THE POWER OF PEOPLE'S WILLS
WHATEVER FATE COMES TO BE
A NEW PATH CAN BE CREATED
WITH YOU TWO!
SPLASH
SCH SCH


I'D HEARD YOU'D GONE TO THE NEW TOWN...
ROD...?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOUR FACE IS SO PALE
HUFF HUFF
URGH

ARE YOU OKAY?
ARE YOU SICK OR SOME-THING?
ROD!
ROD!
HANG ON, WHERE DOES IT HURT?

NERR
OH!
ROUGH

NOOOOO
ROD!
ROD
...
NO
LET ME GO
PLEASE!

IT'S
TOO SUDDEN—!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
...
YOU CAN'T FORGET THAT GUY...?

TU TU
!
WHY ARE YOU ... SAYING THAT ...

KUKURU IS ... DEAD
SCH SCH

LAURES KILLED HIM!
!
SWUSCH!

SCH
SCH
SCHHH
PLIC
PLIC
PLIC
UH
OH
...
IT'S
REALLY
POURING
DOWN

IT'S YOUR FAULT ... ROD
THE CHILD WAS KILLED BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN WEAK-MINDED
THIS ...
IS THE RESULT OF YOUR WEAK-NESS.

ABSORB ME INTO YOUR YOUNG FLESH WITHOUT HESITATION.
EVEN NOW IT IS NOT TOO LATE.
YOU WERE TO BECOME MY ARMS AND LEGS, MY TRUE GUIDE WHO WOULD LEAD THE WORLD TO THE PROPER DIRECTION, WITHOUT A THOUGHT FOR ANYTHING ELSE.
AAAAARGH!

SPLASH
TUM
TUM
TUM
AHGRA
IF I ACCEPT HIS CONSCIOUSNESS LIKE THIS
CAN I BECOME COMFORTABLE...?

LIKE THIS
ROD!
!

GHY
AAAAAAARGH!
UH
UH
AAAH
I KNEW IT
DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A MINDLESS SHEEP?
THE SHOCK OF KUKURU'S DEATH
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER ROD
ACCEPTING KAIMEI MEANS YOUR OWN DEATH.
YOU SURELY UNDERSTAND THAT YOURSELF.
IS MAKING HIM SUSCEPTIBLE TO KAIMEI'S CONTROL!

WHY DO YOU STAND IN MY WAY !
ZOL KAI-MEI
I DON'T LIKE YOUR PER-SONALITY.
YOU THINK YOU'RE THE GREATEST.
BUT TRUTH-FULLY YOU'RE A BURDEN.
ZUUUUM

AND ...
I WILL OBTAIN ROD, WHO HAS OBTAINED YOUR POWER!
I WILL BE ROD'S ALLY.
ARGH!
WHAT!?

ROD, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
IT'S TAKING ALL OF MY MIGHT TO SUBDUE KAIMEI LIKE THIS WITH MY OWN POWER.
LATER YOU WILL RULE OVER KAIMEI WITH YOUR OWN WILL.
BUT THAT IS...
KA...
ROUN!?
WHAT ON EARTH...!?
RULE OVER KAI...MEI...!?
DO IT, ROD! THAT IS THE ONLY WAY FOR YOU TO LIVE!

I LOVE YOU.
NOT ONLY I, BUT EVERYONE ...
DRIP
YOU ARE STARTING TO LIVE FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR OWN LIFE AREN'T YOU?
YOU ARE THE ONLY WHO REGRETS KUKURU'S DEATH.
IF YOU ARE RULED OVER BY KAIMEI,
THEN WHO WILL BE SAD OVER THE CHILD'S DEATH?

AAAARGH!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND HIS DANGER? HE WILL CORRUPT YOU!
PUSH THE SWORD ROD
WITH MY POWER, YOUR EXISTENCE WILL TRANSCEND THAT OF AN OMNIPOTENT GOD!
PUSH THE SWORD INTO HIM AND YOU WILL BE LIBERATED

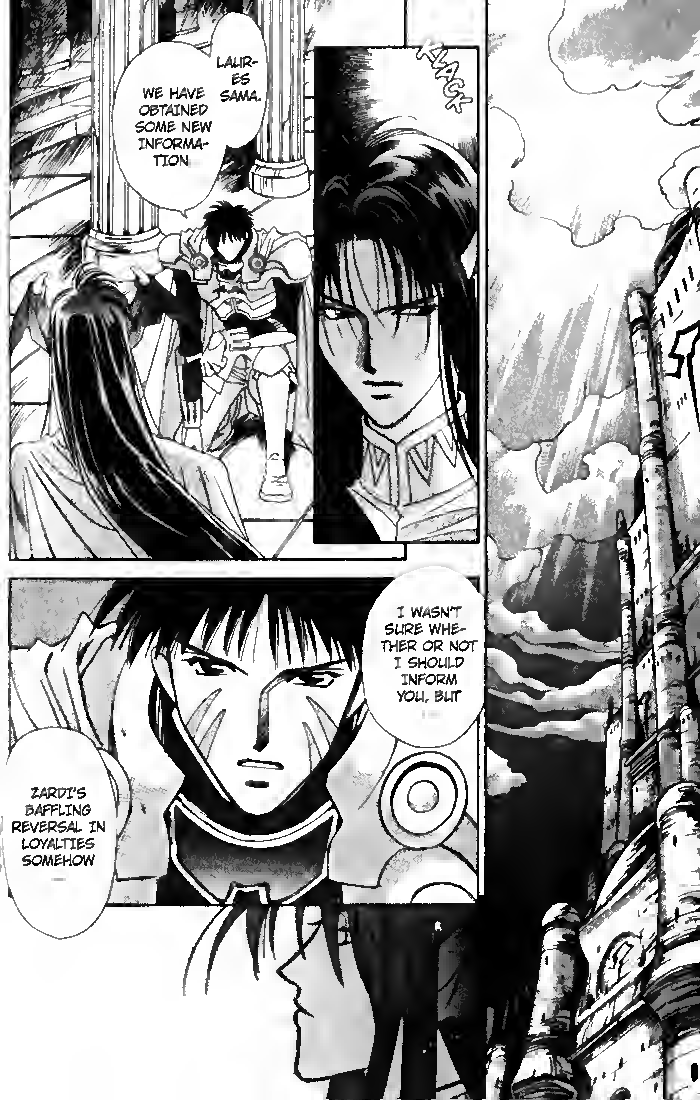
ROD!
ROD!
I WANT TO BE LIKE ROD.
DON'T BE DELUDED BY HIS WORTHLESS WORDS
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR OWN MISSION?
I
I ..

RUINS
!

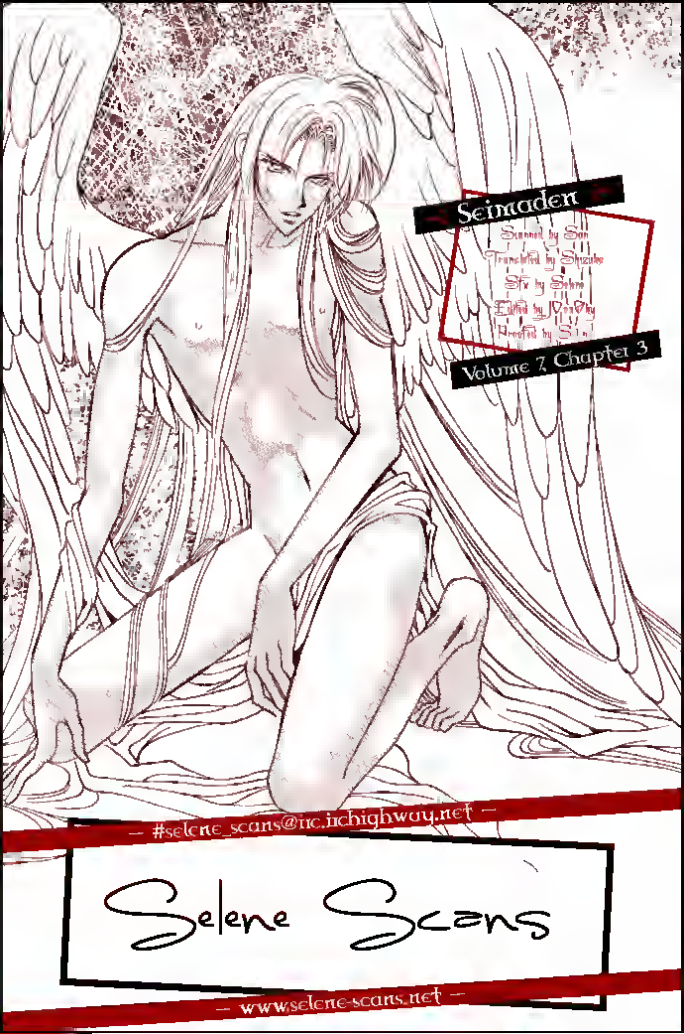
KAIEMI'S
KI" H/S
PING

WH
WHAT IS ...
THIS
THE MEAN-ING OF
EEN...
...IBBLED!
NO
I SHOULD SAY, A BIGGER, NEWER POWER THAT SURPASSES KAIMEI'S HAS BEEN BORN

THANK YOU KAROLIN
I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP
THE WIND ...
HAS CHANGED ...


LAUR-
ES
SAMA.
WE HAVE OBTAINED SOME NEW INFORMA-
TION.
KUCK
I WASN'T SURE WHE-
THER OR NOT I SHOULD INFORM YOU, BUT
ZARDI'S BAFFLING REVERSAL IN LOYALTIES SOMEHOW

GROOO
SEEMS TO INVOLVE TETYUS.
LAURES-SAMA
WHAT—
DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, GERUMU?
LAURES-SAMA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I SAW A VISION
YOU ENVELOPED IN A GOLDEN LIGHT, LINGERING
I RAN TOWARDS YOU IN CONFUSION AND IT SEEMED LIKE YOU APPEARED
YOU HAVE
NO AWARENESS OF ME

AAAH...
THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU SMILING
STUDIO IBI
PRESENTS

THERE WAS ALWAYS NOTHING BUT...
WHY DOES IT ALWAYS TURN OUT LIKE THIS?
EVEN THOUGH WHAT I WANTED TO SEE WAS HIS MEETING IN
THIS SORT OF PLACE...

HEY.
OPEN YOUR EYES
EVEN IF YOUR EYES ARE SO COLD LIKE ALWAYS, IT'S FINE
LOOK AT ME, TETI
CAN'T YOU HEAR WHAT I'M SAYING? I SAID TO OPEN YOUR EYES!
DON'T KEEP IGNORING ME!

I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND IT THEN!

SSSHUU
TETI
I'M BEGGING YOU!
SO OPEN YOUR EYES...!
TETI!
WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING IT
I HAD TO ENDURE THIS THOUGHT
I
WITH THIS HAND
TORE AWAY THIS WHITE WING
STIRB!

AARGH!
WAAA

THOUGH I WENT TO ALL THIS TROUBLE TO HELP YOU OUT, THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY MEANING TO IT.
IF YOU GOT KILLED THOUGH YOUR OWN FAULT
ｸｽｽ
!
AZEL-SAMA.
ZARDI
THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE ABOVEGROUND DON'T FIGHT SO RECKLESSLY
!

ZARDI!
SHAKES
SHIT!
I GOT-CHA
IF YOU ... KEEP FIGHTING LIKE THAT, THE ABOVE GROUND WILL GET COMPLETELY TRASHED.
YOU CAN'T SAY THAT THAT IS HELPING OUT!
SCH SCH
I CAN'T DISOBEY WHAT THE MASTER TELLS ME TO DO
UNTIL YOU HAVE FURTHER NEED OF ME, I MAY AS WELL DO SOME SIGHTSEEING FROM ABOVE

HN.
I AM ALSO FALLEN.
IT'S WONDERFUL...!
SUCH POWER! THIS IS THE POWER OF THE MAN THAT IS CALLED THE DEMON WORLD EMPEROR'S RIGHT-HAND MAN
EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SAVED BY ROD FROM THAT OTHER DIMENSION,
I CAN'T THINK HE'S THE KIND OF GUY WHO WILL FEEL GRATEFUL AND STICK BY THE HUMAN'S SIDE.
A DEMON'S PRIDE IS VERY TALL.
BUT,
WHO CAN GUARANTEE THAT HE WON'T BETRAY US.

OH
YOU ARE STRANGELY WELL-INFORMED ABOUT DEMONS, ASUBARU.
E'H'?
YES, I'M A VERY CAUTIOUS GUY. I WON'T HOLD OUT MY HAND TO ANYONE.
HE WON'T BETRAY ROD AT ALL.
WHY DO YOU THINK SO?
OH?
NOTHING, NO REASON.
I JUST THOUGHT THAT ROD HAD THAT SORT OF CHARISMA.
THAT'S ...
WHAT I MEANT ...

MY NAME IS KOROSU-BETA. I HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THIS BY HADES' MOST ESTEEMED PERSONAGE.
IT IS SOMETHING TO OFFER TO THIS BEAUTIFUL PERSON.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU!?
OHO!
HE'S CERTAINLY A WORK OF ART.
GET AWAY FROM HIM!

WRRRR
?!
THE FLOWER
IS MELTING INTO TETI'S BODY!?
YOU BAS-TARD, WHAT DID YOU ...!?
SSSST
PLEASE WATCH CAREFULLY CAN'T YOU SEE THAT THE WOUND IS HEALING!?

AND PLEASE LISTEN
!
TU TUM
DO YOU PERCEIVE THE SOUND OF HIS HEART?
TU TUM

PANG
WUPP
AH
T
T

I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD
I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER OPEN YOUR EYES AGAIN
IT'S WONDER-FUL
IT'S WONDER-FUL!
!
TETIYUS ...!
AFTER WHAT I DID, WHAT CAN I SAY, I
THIS TIME, I
SLIDE

!
HESITATE
PLAFF
HIS STRENGTH IS CONSIDERABLY EXHAUSTED. PLEASE LET HIM REST A BIT.
BUT ...

OH, YOU GUESSED THE HEART OF THE MATTER WITHOUT RELYING ON APPEAR-ANCES.
WHAT IS IT HE WOULD HAVE ME DO? THAT ESTEEMED PERSONAGE?
DO YOU UN DERSTAND WHAT IT IS I AM SAYING DEMON WORLD SHOGUN?
THE FLOWER ONLY HAS EFFICACY UNTIL SUNSET.
IF YOU WANT THIS PERSON TO CONTINUE TO LIVE, THEN A FLOWER SUPPLEMENT IS NEEDED IN HIS CHEST.
HN.
YOU THINK THAT I WOULD SUBMIT TO ANYONE FOR THIS GUY'S SAKE, HUH?
THOSE ARE SIMPLE TERMS, ARE THEY NOT?
THAT'S ALL.
HE WANTS YOU TO FIGHT AT THE HUMAN'S SIDE UNDER THE AZEL LEADER ROURIQUE'S INSTRUCTIONS

YOU USED AZEL'S POWER TO GET OUT OF THAT DIMENSION
THE PROMISE TO FIGHT AT THE PERSON'S SIDE MUSN'T OF MEANT THAT YOU ARE INTENDED TO PROTECT THEM
OF COURSE
I WON'T SUBMIT MYSELF TO ANYONE'S JURISDICTION, I WON'T GROVEL TO ANYONE
IF I HAVE MY OWN POWER, THAT'S ENOUGH. YOU WOULD HAVE ME HELP SOME CRAPPY OPPONENT?
TO HAVE YOU COEXIST WITH PEOPLE, IS THAT ESTEEMED PERSON'S WISH
WHAT IS THAT GUY'S PURPOSE?
IT'S ...
NOT SOMETHING I WOULD KNOW ABOUT, SINCE HE'S ON SUCH A GREATER SCALE THAN US
PLEASE DECIDE BY SUNSET
IF YOU DO NOT, TETIYUS WILL NOT RETURN TO LIFE A SECOND TIME
ZSSSSST
HEY!
HEY YOU, WAIT!

ZSSS
OKAY ? SUNSET !
SHIT HE RUNS AWAY FAST!
THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO ACCEPT THOSE TERMS
WHAT?
THERE IS NO MERIT IN YOU DOING SO
MY LIFE HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO LAURES-SAMA .

AS LONG AS I HAVE LIFE, I WILL SERVE NO ONE ELSE BUT HIM.
GRROOOOO
THEN ...
DO WHAT YOU LIKE ...

GO TO LAURES WITH THOSE BROKEN WINGS THAT WON'T FLY
IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY TO TALK LIKE THAT
IF I CAN GET THROUGH THIS ENDLESS ICELAND
TO YOUR PEACEFUL COUNTRY

LAURES-SAMA,
MY HEART WILL
FLOURISH TO YOUR SIDE
EVEN THIS FROZEN GROUND MUST HAVE AN END
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE A WING, I CAN STILL WALK
MY HEART WILL FLOURISH...
KRACKS
SH
SHIT!

SHIIIIIIIIT!!
SWUUUSCH
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THROUGH THIS SNOW STORM WITH HIS BODY LIKE THAT WILL HE?
HE WANTS TO GET TO THAT GUY THIS MUCH ?!
TETIYUUUUSH!
WHERE ARE YOU TETI?

TETHYUUUUUU!
HE EVEN WENT THIS FAR ..?
THERE'S NO MORE TIME ... UNTIL SUNSET ..
!
OPEN YOUR EYES!
I CAN'T STAND FOR YOU TO DIE AGAIN!!
FLAPP
IDIOT!
YOUR WILL-POWER STRETCHED THIS FAR!
MAN, YOU ..!

GLOW
MY
!
ONE WINGED ANGEL

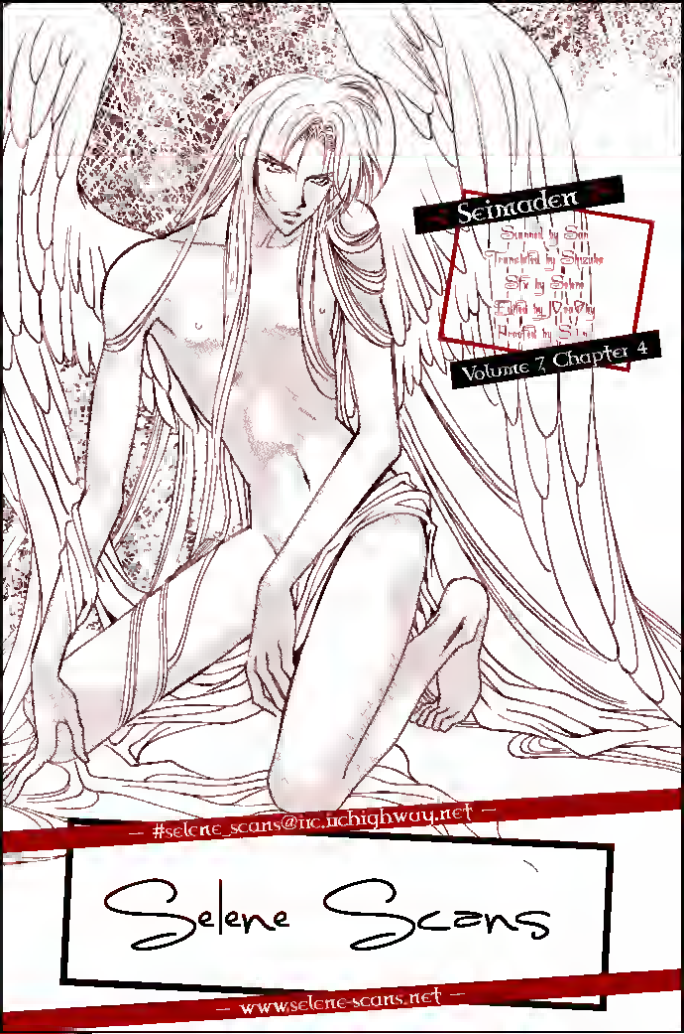
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE BUT I BET YOU CAN HEAR.
I DON'T WANNA LOSE YOU TWICE...!
I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF IT ...!
I DON'T CARE, JUST GET ME THE FLOWER ... GET ME THE FLOWER!
WHATEVER!
SHIT!
I'LL ACCEPT WHATEVER YOUR TERMS ARE SO PLEASE, DON'T LET HIM DIE!
THE SUN IS SETTING

GREET-INGS
MY NAME IS KAROLIN, THE RULER OF HADES
FROM NOW ON WE'LL DEAL VERY WELL TOGETHER
SHOGUN OF THE DEMONS.

I FINALLY CAPTURED THE ANGEL FOR MYSELF
A...
REVOLTING SITUATION.
I WON'T LET HIM GO TO LAURES ANY MORE...!

BUT THIS ISN'T REALLY HOW I WANTED IT
SHIT
HURRY UP AND COME OUT LAURES—!
HURRY!
KEEP UP THE EVACUATION FROM THE NEW TOWN
AZEL-SAMA HAS CONSTRUCTED A SPIRITUAL BARRIER AROUND THIS PART OF THE OLD MARKET STREET FOR US WHICH THE DEMONS HAVE NO CHANCE OF BREAKING THROUGH

WHY ... DON'T YOU SHOW YOURSELF LAURES?
IS THIS DESTRUCTION REALLY YOUR WILL ...!?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RA-DUMP
A GOOD SACRIFICE WAS OBTAINED FOR YOU TO BE REBORN BACK INTO THE EARTH.
YES, JUST A LITTLE MORE PATIENCE, TITAN ...
RA-DUMP

AT THE PALACE OF HADES
PLING
PLONG
LAURES IS PLAYING THE LONG HARP
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HEARD THAT SOUND
RECENTLY
..

YES, RECENTLY LAURES HASN'T BEEN ADJUSTING WELL
HE'S BEEN SECLUDED AWAY SO BEING HAPPY WOULD BE STRANGE, BUT EVEN SO THIS IS UNUSUAL
THE KOROSU'S GUARD HAS BEEN STRANGELY STRICT AND THE CASTLE'S ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN WIERD
PL
AFF
LAURES!
WHAT IS THIS!
LAURE...
MY OLDER BROTHER KAROLIN...
O... OOPS.
Hide Quickly!
THAT'S RIGHT MY BROTHER TOLD ME I MUSN'T COME HERE.
IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD IF WE DISCOVERED ME.

ARE YOU OKAY? CAN YOU STAND?
IT ISN'T IMPORTANT. DON'T TOUCH ME.
GIGGLES
A STRONG PERSON.
SCH SCH
BAH

WOW THERE'S AN UNDERGROUND ROAD HERE
WHERE ON EARTH ARE THEY GOING?
SHIVER
WH..T... THIS UNKNOWN "KI", THIS SORT OF OMINOUS "KI"
THAT'S HAVEN'T FELT BEFORE.

TU-TUM
THAT CAN'T BE!
NO, THERE'S NO MISTAKE.
TUM
TUM
THE LEGENDARY TAITAN!

THE LEGENDARY MONSTER SAID TO DESTROY EVERYTHING IN THIS WORLD
VTHE DEAD'S DEATH, AGONY
THE DEMON AMONGST DEMONS
IT IS POSSIBLE TO REAR IT BY MEANS OF THE DEAD'S DEATH AGONY "KI" AND THE STRONGEST DEMON I HEARD THIS FROM SOMEONE IN THE PAST
PAIN
...
MANY OF THEM
THE STRONGEST DEMON
...

IT COULDN'T BE MY BROTHER CAPTURED LAURES FOR THE SAKE OF CREATING THAT...?
SOMEONE SAID " YES IT WAS MY BROTHER! I HEARD IT FROM MY BROTHER HIMSELF
WHAT... WHAT ON EARTH IS HE THINKING? BROTHER
NSSSSSS

ZWUSCH
!
YOU THOUGHT TO MANIPULATE THE THREADS DIDN'T YOU.
IT SEEMS THAT PLAYING THE HARP WAS NOT JUST A WHIM AT ALL.
HALP
IN ORDER TO FOLLOW THE PART OF DEMON POWER TAKEN FROM IT,
TAKE THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY WITH THE MINIMUM OF DEMON POWER.
TRUTH-FULLY IT IS VERY LIKE YOU.

IT ISN'T THAT I CARE ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THIS WORLD
BUT... WHEN THIS THING STARTS TO MOVE,
HILDA WILL PROBABLY NOT BE SAFE ...
THE "FLOWER" THAT I AM GUARDING IS HILDA'S LIFE WHICH IMITATES THE FORM OF A FLOWER
THESE FLOWERS WILL SCATTER SOMEDAY BUT A SEED WILL REMAIN HERE AND BE GROWN AGAIN
THIS INCLUDES YOUR BELOVED WOMAN AND HER SOUL WILL CONTINUE FOREVER ...
THEREFORE WILL YOU JUST LET HER DIE WITHOUT TRYING TO HELP?

BUT I CAN COMPLETELY ANNIHILATE THIS FLOWER.
IF THAT HAPPENS, SHE WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO BE REBORN ANY MORE
YOUR ERISE WILL BE LOST FOREVER
IN THAT CASE, WILL YOU REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH ME?
BROTHER

...
THE DE-STRUC-TION OF "EVERY-THING".
KAROLIN, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WISH FOR?
THE END
TO ALL THAT IS LIVING
TOGETHER WITH THE UNI-VERSAL PURI-FICATION OF SOULS...
HUSCH

BUMM
WATCH IT
OH IRIA, I'M GLAD I CAUGHT YOU.
WHERE HAS LAURES-SAMA BEEN...!?
SHIVER
SHIVER
?!
WHAT'S WRONG, IRIA?
TUTUM
TUTUM
THE DE-STRUC-TION OF EVERY-THING
THE END TO ALL LIVING THINGS.
THE END

IRIA
AH
AAAH!
SUCH A THING
SUCH A DREADFUL THING
MY KIND OLDER BROTHER IS DOING SUCH A THING
AAAA
AAAAAA
WON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG!?
IRIA
IRIA!?

I CAN'T LET MY BROTHER DO SUCH A DREADFUL THING
BRO-THER
I WON'T LET THAT DREADFUL MONSTER BE RELEASED
BUT IF I OBEYED I'D NEVER GET TO SEE MY OLDER BROTHER
AND I EVEN BROUGHT MY OLDER BROTHER'S FAVOURITE KUIKU SAKE
YOU'RE A BAD CHILD I DID TELL YOU NOT TO COME HERE DIDN'T I
EVEN IF I DO SOMETHING TREACHEROUS
THE "FLOWER OF LIFE" GARDEN BED, IS ALWAYS PRETTY ISN'T IT

PURE LIFE ENERGY IS SO BEAUTIFUL,
SO WHY DO THOSE THAT COMPREHEND THAT DEFILE IT
THE WORLD IS COVERED IN THOSE SORTS OF THINGS
THERE IS NO END TO THE DESIRE, DESTRUCTION AND MASSACRE. THE DEMON WORLD AND THE HUMAN WORLD ARE ALL THE SAME.
I WAS BORN FOR THAT PURPOSE
I'VE RECENTLY COME TO THINK
DOES SHE KNOW THAT IS EVIL?
BROTHER
BUT, IF EVERYTHING IS RETURNED TO NOTHING
I CAN RECONSTRUCT IT ALL FROM A NEW STEP

IT'S VERY LONELY
BUT I CANNOT IGNORE THE "WILL" THAT HAS BEEN BORN INSIDE ME
THE ONLY ONE FOR WHOM I CAN ALLOW,
FEELINGS FOR IN MY HEART IS YOU, IRIA
BECAUSE
IT IS THE REASON FOR MY EXISTENCE

IRIA —!
PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL NEVER —
YOU MUST NEVER BETRAY ME.
SSSZ

FFOA
THE FLOWER OF LIFE OF LAURES'S BELOVED WOMAN
NOW THAT I HAVE IT, I CAN GIVE YOU FREEDOM !

GRRRRR

I'VE BEEN SURROUNDED
HERE, PIKI, I'M ENTRUSTING YOU WITH THIS
PIKI?
PIKI!
TAKE IT TO LAURES AT THE PALACE OF HADES
?!
SWAMM
HURRY, FLY QUICKLY PIKI,
WHILE I DISTRACT THESE GUYS!

I'M GUARDING YOUR BACK TAKE CARE!
GERU-MU!
IDIOT, DON'T GET DISTRACTED! WATCH OU...
!
WROMMM

IRIA!
AHHHHHHHH!
IRIAAAA!!

THEN WHAT BECAME OF THE FLOWER?
YES...
WE ARE APPLYING ALL OF OUR EFFORTS INTO INVESTIGATING IT'S WHEREABOUTS. BUT...
AS OF YET...
SO...
IRIA'S CIRCUMSTANCES ARE UNKNOWN?....
YES... TO HAVE FALLEN FROM THAT HEIGHT, PERHAPS....
GNNH

EXCUSE ME CONTINUE IF YOU PLEASE
YES
PLAFF
AARGH...

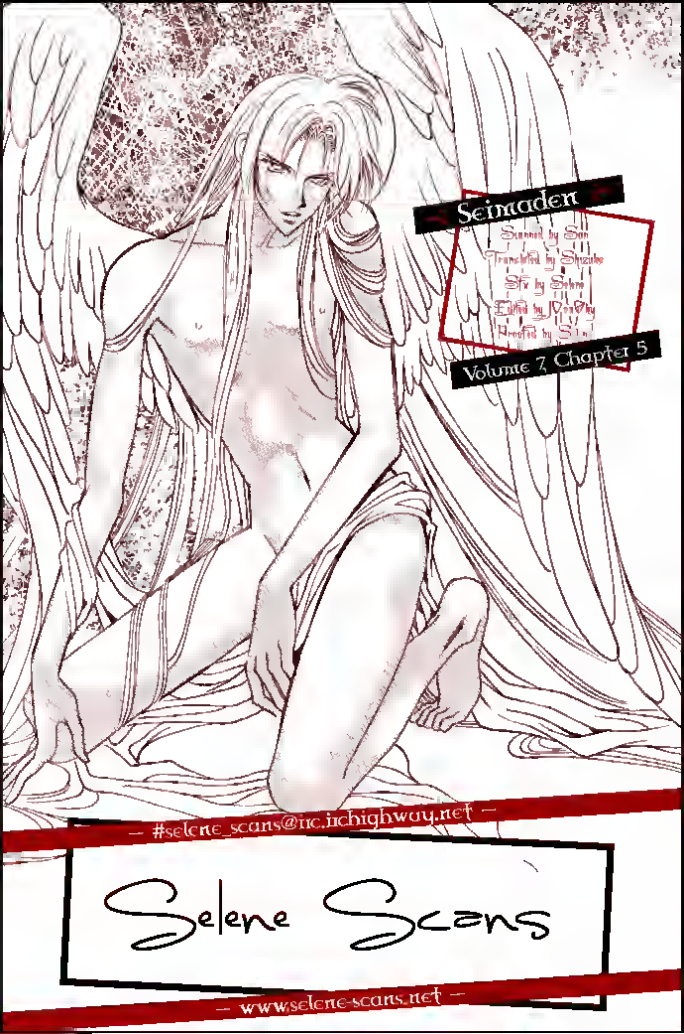
KAROUN-SAMA, IF HE BECOMES ANY MORE VIO-LENTLY EX-HAUSTED THAN THIS
THEN THE DEMON EMPEROR'S LIFE MAY BE DRAINED
CON-TINUE.
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
AAAH!
HAVING LOST OUR TRUMP
BEFORE A COUNT-ER-ATTACK IS LAUN-CHED
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO MAKE USE OF HIM BEFORE HE REALIZES.

I DON'T CARE.
GIVE THE REMAINING PORTION OF HIS POWER... GIVE ALL OF HIS LIFE TO THE TAITAN!
BECAUSE THERE ALREADY EXISTS A SUBSTITUTE FOR HIM.
GRRR
GRA
GRRO
GRRA
GRRO-ARR
WHAT?!
THE TAITAN GAVE OFF PAIN FOR SOME REASON!
DI-DUMP
DI-DUMP
PEN
CRACK
CRACK

IT SHOULDN'T MOVE SO STRANGELY
CRACK
IT SHOULDN'T BE COMPLETE YET
!
ZSSS
ZSSS

LAURES...!
ZSSSS
I FILLED HIS ENTIRE BODY WITH THREAD TOGETHER WITH DEMON ENERGY.
THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE ART TO IT.
KAROLIN-SAMA
LET GO OF ME!
HOW THE HELL DID YOU...?

FLAP
WE CANNOT USE OUR TRUMP CARD ANYMORE, IT SEEMS.
YOU GUESSED THE MATTER COR-RECTLY.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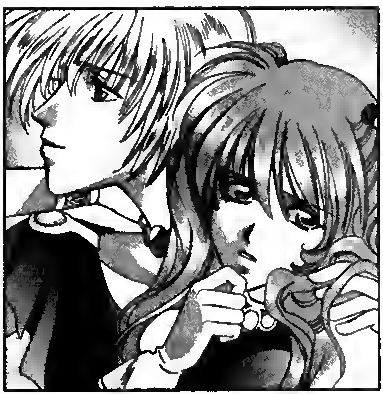


MURMUR
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

UHNN...
COME AND HAVE A LOOK. YOU CAN SEE SOMETHING REALLY INTERESTING!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
THEY SAY, SOMETHING FELL FROM THE SKY
IT SEEMS TO BE SOME SORT OF CLUMSY DEMON
MURMUR
WHY IS IT BEEN PUT IN A PRISON?
BRING IT OUT SO WE CAN SETTLE OUR GRUDGES
KILL IT!
LET'S BREAK IT INTO PIECES!
THAT'S A MATTER FOR AZEL-SAMA TO DECIDE.

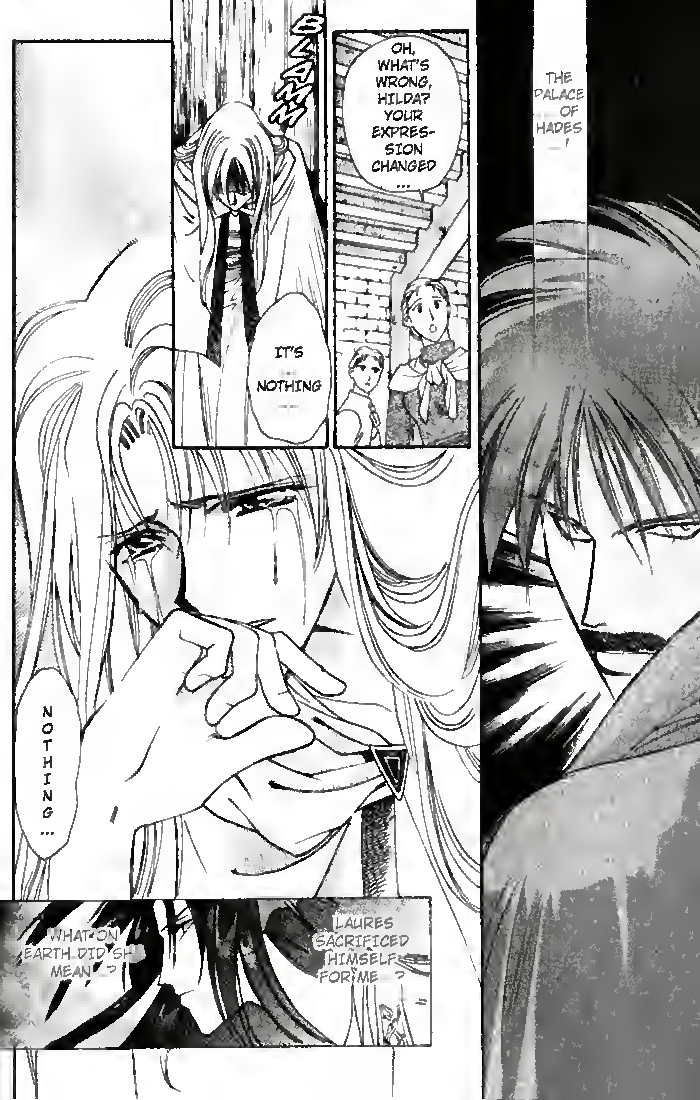
EVEN IF SHE IS A DEMON, IT ISN'T RIGHT TO TAUNT HER WHEN SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS.
STOP!
HILDA
EVEN IF YOU LYNCH THIS GIRL, IT WON'T SOLVE A THING
BUT, THAT'S ALL THAT A MOB OF COWARDS COULD DO ANYWAYS.
THAT'S RIGHT!
STAND ASIDE
OR ARE YOU SIDING WITH A DEMON!?
SCHWUP
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT, YOU BITCH!

NE.
GRINS
GNNH
WELL, WELL
I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, BUT I'LL HAVE TO AGREE WITH HILDA.
THANK YOU, ASUBARU.
AUA
YOU'D BETTER STOP, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT SORT OF "POWER" IT MIGHT HAVE.
AT LEAST WAIT UNTIL ROD RETURNS ...
BUT SHE'S HURT ISN'T SHE? WE CAN'T JUST SIT HERE AND DO NOTHING!

HEY, ARE YOU OKAY...?
TOUCH
DN... TCH...
DON'T TOUCH ME!
OH

YOU'RE LAURES'!
RATTLE
IT'S TRUE! YOU'RE JUST LIKE THE IMAGE!
TO THINK THAT WE'D MEET IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT
YOU KNOW, LAURES HE'S ALWAYS THINKING OF YOU
IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE ME MADLY JEALOUS

HILDA?
WHY!?
WHAT'S WRONG!
HUSCH
HUH?
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT NAME!
THAT'S SO MEAN! LAURES HAS BEEN IN SO MUCH PAIN JUST FOR YOUR SAKE
HE'S BEEN LOCKED UP IN THE PALACE OF HADES
HE EVEN SACRIFICED HIMSELF IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOU SO WHY!?


THE PALACE OF HADES
OH, WHAT'S WRONG, HILDA? YOUR EXPRESSION CHANGED ...
SWISH
IT'S NOTHING
NOTHING ...
LAURES SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR ME ?
WHAT ON EARTH DID SHE MEAN ?

ZISSSSSCH
GUAAAAAHHHHH!
SSSK
EVEN THOUGH YOU GAVE UP SO MUCH POWER TO THAT TAITAN, YOU CAN STILL DO ALL THIS
AS EXPECTED, THE EMPEROR OF DEMONS IS FANTASTIC!
YOU FULFIL MY EXPECTATIONS.
ORIGINALLY, I DIDN'T WANT TO FIGHT, HOWEVER
THE HUMILIATION THAT YOU GAVE ME I SHALL HAVE THEM RETURNED TO YOU

ARGH!
SWUSCH
FESSS
ARGH!

YOU ARE THE FIRST ONE...
TO ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO INJURE MY BODY, LAURES
NO, THAT'S WRONG.
GIGGLES
THE SECOND PERSON.
WHEN I SEE MY OWN BLOOD THIS WAY...
I FEEL RELIEVED THAT MY BLOOD WAS RED TOO.
I, MYSELF,
WAS THINKING THAT I HAD BLUE BLOOD FLOWING INSIDE OF ME.

BLINK
YES ...
SPLISH
DO YOU WANT TO DIE....?
DOES IT SOUND LIKE THAT?
PROBABLY.
SWOOSH
BUT THAT ...
IS NOT "NOW".

Fsss
EVEN THOUGH YOU TORE THE TAITAN INTO PIECES, IT STILL SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO REGENERATE.
EVEN THIS SORT OF THING IS MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN A LOW CLASS DEMON.
Fsss
HOW ARE YOUR WOUNDS?
I CAN READ MINDS, YOU KNOW.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE YOU'D RATHER ASK RIGHT?
TICK TICK

I SAW YOU INSIDE LAURES' HEART.
A BLACK... TERRIBLE, POISONOUS NOTHINGNESS...
INSIDE OF ALL THAT, ONLY YOUR FORM WAS GLITTERING. IT WAS PAINFUL ENOUGH TO EVEN MAKE ME WANT TO CRY.
STOP!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT NAME AGAIN!
THE VILLAGE WAS BURNING.
HOW MANY PEOPLE'S SCREAMS OF AGONY DID HE CAUSE...
THAT... WASN'T WHAT I CAME TO ASK ABOUT.
HIS KIND EYES ARE A FALSEHOOD...
FOR THE SAKE OF HIDING HIS TRUE COLD NATURE.
HE'S THE...
KING OF DEMONS SO HE MUST BE EXTINGUISHED FROM MY MEMORIES...!

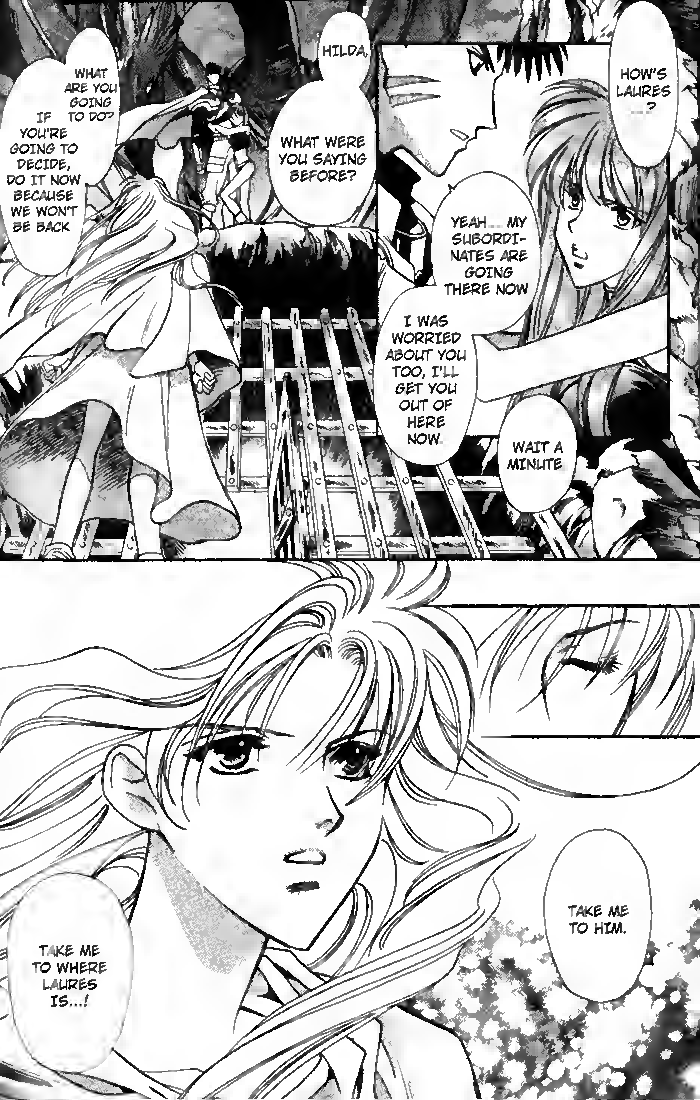
...
BECAUSE HE KILLED KUKURU WHO NEVER HURT ANYONE.
BECAUSE HE'S OUR ENEMY
!!
SWOOSH
EVERYTHING WAS TO MAKE CERTAIN OF THAT. I DIDN'T COME TO HEAR THAT SORT OF THING
MY COMING HERE THE THING THAT I WANTED TO ASK YOU
...
IF THAT'S SO, THEN I DON'T HAVE ANY-THING TO SAY

LAURES BECAME THE EMPEROR OF DEMONS,
I WANT TO STRANGLE YOU!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH PAIN LAURES IS IN BECAUSE OF YOU!?
HE ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE LOCKED AWAY IN THE PALACE OF HADES AND DID WHATEVER MY BROTHER TOLD HIM TO DO,
AND ALL OF THAT WAS TO PROTECT YOUR LIFE.
EH?
YOU'RE BEING PROTECTED BY THE ONE YOU CALL YOUR "ENEMY".
WH
AT
SINCE YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING, DON'T S.Y SUCH TERRIBLE THINGS!

FLAP
ZISCH
THEN ...
TO PROTECT THAT ... MY "FLOWER OF LIFE", LAURES ...
PRO-TECT-ED . . !?
AH ...
I ...
YES... WHOSE GENTLE HAND WAS THAT ...
THOSE SAD EYES ...

THOUGH I KNEW ...
THAT THEY WERE NEITHER A LIE NOR A DECEIT OR ANYTHING ...
HILDA.
GRROO
I ...
I WAS PRETENDING NOT TO SEE...!
I WILL GET YOU OUT OF HERE
SO PLEASE LISTEN TO MY REQUEST!

AHHH!!
SORRY I'M LATE!
OH!
?!
EEK!!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU EVERY-WHERE
GERUMU!
IT'S GERU-MU!
JUMPS


HILDA.
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING BEFORE?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DECIDE, DO IT NOW BECAUSE WE WON'T BE BACK
HOW'S LAURES...?
YEAH... MY SUBORDINATES ARE GOING THERE NOW
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU TOO, I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE NOW.
WAIT A MINUTE
TAKE ME TO HIM.
TAKE ME TO WHERE LAURES IS...!

ROD.
TO LAURES
CLACK

SCHREE
ZSSSSSS
SWOOOSH

F.S.S.S.S.
GRINS
AAARGH!!
SPLASH
SPLASH
WUSCH
HELP!

SO SHALL I...
FINISH THE TRUMP CARD WITH THIS?
WAMM
CLACK

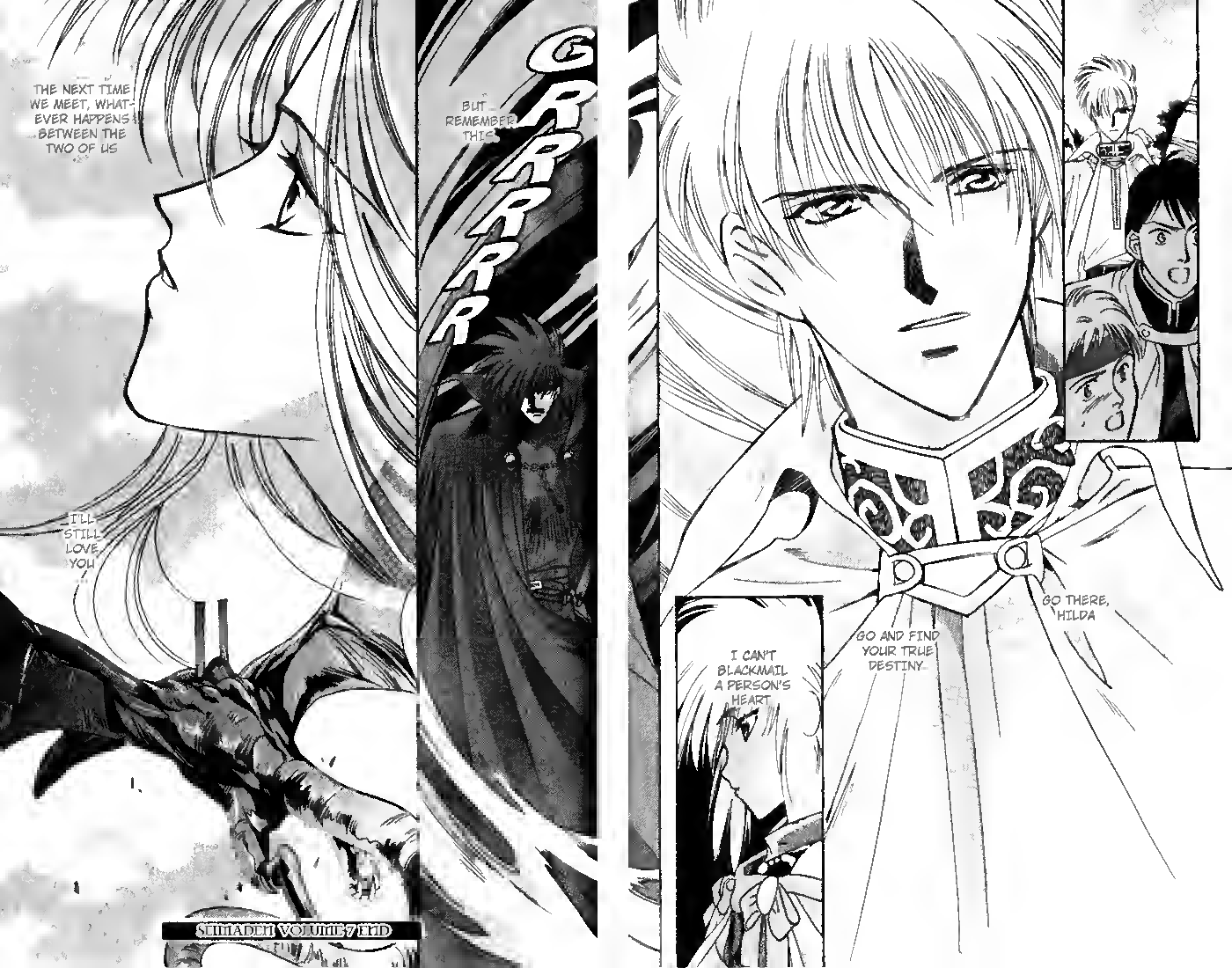
KRSS
KRSS
BOOM
AUGH
KRRRSS
KRRRSS
KRSS
SO YOU'RE GOING TO CRUSH ME AGAINST THE WALL HUH?
HEH
THAT'S JUST BAD TASTE.

I THINK THAT IS FAIR ENOUGH.
NOT AS MUCH AS YOU ARE.
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
ARGH
AHHH ...

WAMM
KRACKS
MAY YOU REST IN PEACE
YOUR BLOOD IS A BEAUTIFUL CRIMSON RED . .

GRRROO
LALIRES-SAMA, YOU'RE SAFE!
CLACK
YEAH...
BUT, AREN'T YOU LATE
CLANG
AZEL-SAMA!
AZEL-SAMA!

DON'T WORRY, I'M FINE.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
HE'S JUST RETURNED AND HE'S DREADFULLY TIRED
CAN'T THIS WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW?
BUT ...
MURMUR
IT'S TERRIBLE.
HILDA-SAN ... HILDA-SAN HAS BEEN SPIRITED AWAY BY DEMONS ...!
IT'S LIKE I SAID,
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF WE KILLED THAT DEMON RIGHT AWAY.
IT'S BECAUSE OF NAIVE COMPASSION THAT SUCH A THING OCCURED.


THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, WHATEVER HAPPENS BETWEEN THE TWO OF US
I'LL STILL LOVE YOU
BUT REMEMBER THIS
GRRRRR
GO THERE, HILDA
GO AND FIND YOUR TRUE DESTINY
I CAN'T BLACKMAIL A PERSON'S HEART
SHIMADE! VOLUME 7 END

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NACHWORT

Diesmal hatte ich wirklich Stress, und so gibt es auch keine von den sonst so beliebten Skizzen... Bitte verzeiht mir. (Dies ist auch getippt, weil ich keine Zeit hatte Handschriftliches zu verfassen.)
Seit Juni veroffentliche ich in einer Wochenzeitschrift, und seit diesem Monat ist außer SEIMADEN noch ein anderes Buch bei einem anderen Verlag hinzugekommen. Daher der enge Zeitplan.
Kurz vor Abgabeschluss gehe ich sowieso auf dem Zahnfleisch, es kommen Illustrationsauftrage hinzu und mein Gehirn scheint sich aufzulosen. Wie geht es euch so?
Vielen herzlichen Dank für die vielen Antworten auf meine Bekenntnisse vom letzten Band!
Aus euren Wunschen habe ich einige herausgepickt: Laures im Anzug, als Transvestit, im Trachtenlook, als Kampfspielfigur, in Soldatenuniform, bei einem Bankett (?), als Held einer Soap, als chinesische Sagenfigur, etc. - scheint interessant zu werden. Das nachste Mal gibt es hier wieder Zeichnungen, ich warte auf Vorschläge.

In der Zeitschrift »Fandera« läuft neben SEIMADEN noch eine neue Serie von mir, ZEUS. Daher ist weniger Raum für SEIMADEN. Manche haben schon befurchtet, SEIMADEN ware zu Ende... aber keine Angst, es geht noch weiter! Der nachste Untertitel von SEIMADEN in »Fandera« lautet »Der finster Damonenprinz«. Wird Asbars Herkunft dann geklart? Freut euch darauf!
Auch diesmal haben mir viele Leute geholfen. Waka Miyakoshi, Naoko Nakatsuji, Ren Shimazu, Makoto Hondou, Megumi Itsuji, Hitouri Watatsumi, Yuka Kazuki, Seiko Nyogetsusha, Aya Hazaka und Chefin Ryoka Oda sowie ihr alle mit euren Aufmunterungsbriefen. Dass ich dem starken Termindruck standhalte, liegt an eurer Unterstützung. Vielen herzlichen Dank und auf weitere Zusammenarbeit!

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